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October 24, 2012

TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION FEE SCHEDULE**

This is to notify you that DPH will request Board approval to institute a waivable administration fee for immunization services offered at DPH clinics subject to requirements of the federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program.

The VFC Program provides childhood vaccines to children who meet eligibility guidelines established by the federal government. DPH participates in the program by providing immunization services at 11 of its 14 Public Health Centers located throughout the County. The California VFC program requirements allow DPH to charge an administration fee of up to \$17.55 per VFC vaccine dose administered for a VFC program-eligible.

Pending Board approval, DPH will apply a \$15.00 fee per child regardless of the number of vaccinations administered and a total of \$30.00 for a family with two or more children. These fees are commensurate with the vaccine administration fees charged by other surrounding counties and are fully waivable as required by VFC guidelines.

Patients will be verbally advised of the fees and that they can be waived. A sign will be posted in a prominent place in each clinic stating that no patient will be denied State-funded vaccines due to inability to pay the administration fee.

To notify key stakeholders, DPH has distributed the attached letter to Los Angeles County school superintendents as well as Child Health and Disability Prevention Program providers.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

JEF:pn

Attachment

c: Sheila Shima
Richard Mason
Cynthia A. Harding
Deborah Davenport



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October 22, 2012

Dear Health Care Provider,

This is to advise you that we will be requesting Board action to include an administration fee for immunization services subject to requirements of the federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program in DPH Health Center Immunization Clinics. The VFC Program provides childhood vaccines to children who meet eligibility guidelines established by the federal government.

The Department of Public Health (DPH), Community Health Services (CHS), participates in the VFC program and provides immunization services at eleven of its 14 Public Health Centers located throughout the County. The California VFC program requirements allow CHS to charge an administration fee of up to \$17.55 per VFC vaccine dose administered for a VFC program-eligible.

CHS will limit this fee to \$15.00 per child regardless of the number of vaccinations administered and a total of \$30.00 for a family with two or more children. These fees are commensurate with the vaccine administration fees charged by other surrounding Counties and are fully waivable as required by VFC guidelines.

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We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or feedback regarding the new immunization fee schedule. Please contact Robert Gibson, Deputy Director, Community Health Services, at 213-240-8040 or by email to rgibson@ph.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Deborah Davenport, R.N., P.H.N., M.S.
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Gary Smuts, Ed.D., Superintendent
ABC Unified School District
16700 S. Norwalk Blvd.
Cerritos, CA 90703

Dear Dr. Smuts:

NOTIFICATION OF WAIVABLE FEE SCHEDULE

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